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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL BY AMBASSADOR MBEKA
NAIROBI FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

1. SUMMARY: IN FAREWELL CALL UPON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY JUNE 21, AMBASSADOR MBEKA EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE AND HIS PERSONAL CONFIDENCE THAT RECENT "DRAMATIC EVENTS" WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY DEALT WITH IN COURSE OF VANCE MISSION AND WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO IMPAIR CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ZAIRE. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR MBEKA OF ZAIRE PAID FAREWELL CALL UPON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY JUNE 21. AFTER GREETING THE AMBASSADOR, MULCAHY SAID HE HOPED HIS RECALL WOULD NOT BE PERMANENT. MBEKA SAID THAT REMAINED TO BE SEEN. SPEAKING WITH GRAVE EMOTION, MBEKA THEN EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO USG AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE UNFAILING COOPERATION HE HAD RECEIVED DURING HIS VERY PLEASANT AND SATISFY-
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ING SOJOURN IN THE UNITED STATES. MBEKA SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH WE HAD WITNESSED RECENT DRAMATIC EVENTS, THESE COULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO IMPAIR THE GOOD RELATIONS WHICH HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THE US AND ZAIRE. PRESIDENT MOBUTU

WANTED TO MAINTAIN OUR FRIENDSHIP AND TO THAT END WELCOMED THE VANCE MISSION.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY SAID THE USG SHARED ZAIRE'S HOPES FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS AND ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE VANCE MISSION. HE SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD BEEN DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST US. MULCAHY ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO USG INVOLVEMENT IN ANY PLOT AGAINST MOBUTU. MBEKA REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR VANCE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER VERY CLOSELY AND ADDED, BUT NOT INSISTENTLY, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD "VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF PROOF".

4. MBEKA EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL CONFIDENCE THAT THE PRESIDENT STRAINS IN RELATIONS WOULD BE RELIEVED; THEY SHOULD NOT, HE SAID, BE ALLOWED TO JEOPARDIZE ONGOING COOPERATION, INCLUDING THAT OF US INVESTORS AND OTHERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. HE NOTED ASSURANCES WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ZAIRE. MULCAHY SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVING MANY WORRIED CALLS AND HAD BEEN TRYING TO CALM FEARS. AF/C OFFICER PRESENT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE ITS EFFORTS DEPARTMENT COULD NOT FULLY CONTROL SITUATION AND THAT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WOULD MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.

5. MBEKA MENTIONED THREATENING CALL REPORTED JUNE 20 BY ZAIRIAN CHARGE, AND DISCUSSION ENSUED OF SECURITY AT MISSION AND RESIDENCE. MULCAHY ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WOULD FOLLOW UP TO ASSURE THAT ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

6. CONCLUDING, AMBASSADOR MBEKA ASKED MULCAHY TO CONVEY RESPECTS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD AND TO EXPRESS TO THEM HIS GRATITUDE FOR WHAT HAD BEEN DONE FOR HIM DURING HIS STAY. MULCAHY SAID HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD APPRECIATED THE AMBASSADOR'S COOPERATION AND HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CORDIALITY AND THAT THEY REGRETTED HIS RECALL. SISCO

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